

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

STUPID PLAYS AMUSE

Play in Central Association Described by Ned Egan.

More Mistakes Made in Minors in Week Than in Big Leagues in Whole Season—Three-Base Hit Counts for Single.

According to Ned Egan, "the 'Connie Mack of the Minors,' more 'bonehead' plays are made in class C and D leagues in a week than you see in the big leagues in a season. Egan describes a play made in the Central association that kept the circuit amused for several days.

Waterloo was playing at Muscatine, and Wetzell, Muscatine's right fielder, was on first base, and Sours of the same team at bat. Sours gave the hit-and-run signal and Wetzell started down for second base as soon as the pitcher began to wind up. Sours hit a long fly. Just as he reached second base Wetzell thought he saw Hill, Waterloo's left fielder, reaching up to catch the ball.

Without waiting to see whether the fielder made the catch, Wetzell raced back to first base. Meantime the ball had soared high over Hill's head and Sours turned first base and raced for second. Wetzell passed him at full speed, going in the opposite direction. When Sours reached second he thought that he had made a mistake about seeing the ball fall safely, and started back to first. Simultaneously Wetzell saw Hill chasing the sphere, and he again began the dash for second, and once more both players passed each other on the dead run, both badly confused. The result was that a hit that should have been good for a triple and a score went for a single.

And all this happened without the umpire being entangled in the "bonehead" play.

THIRD BASE EASIEST TO STEAL, SAY STARS

"Ty" Cobb, king of base stealers, and "Buck" Herzog, veteran infielder, believe that third base is the easiest cushion to steal. "Ty's" reason for thinking so is that runners can take a bigger lead off second than off any other sack. "Buck" says the runner is helped by the fact that the third sacker must take the ball at a hard angle and the runner has more room in which to slide around him.

DEVORE DELIGHTS IN STORY

Catcher Toff, Appointed Umpire in Eastern League, Announces Batteries in Novel Way.

Next to the story about McGraw telling him that he had three deaf men and 18 dummies on the Giants, Josh Devore delights in telling the one about Catcher Jack Toff. After being released by Toronto, Toff was appointed an umpire in the Eastern league and his first assignment happened to be in the Canadian city where he had formerly played. Taking the megaphone to announce the batteries, Toff shouted: "Mueller and Stanage for Newark; Rudolph and McInley for us!"

JACKSON IS NATURAL HITTER

White Sox Outfielder Hopes to Regain Old-Time Batting Stride During Present Season.

Joe Jackson did not hit up to his usual form last year, but hopes to strike his batting stride this year. Joe has batted the ball every season since he entered the ranks of the majors



Joe Jackson.

anywhere from .350 to .400 and his big drop last season, when he hit for .308, was a surprise. Many believe that Joseph will never regain his place among the batting leaders of the diamond, but Jackson is a great natural hitter and it may be that he merely suffered from a batting slump last year.

WHERE WASHINGTON TEAM WILL FINISH



Dependable Washington Players.

Just where the Washington team will finish this year is a matter of conjecture. Some wise ones have named as low as sixth place for Griffith's outfit, but the team should do better than this, for it has been materially strengthened.

The Nationals' pitching staff, among the best in the American league, is stronger this season than last.

Foster is playing the best ball of his career and this is also true of Hill. Ray Morgan is in great condition and Griffith started with a team better, collectively, than he has ever had before.

BASEBALL STORIES

In "Jack" Smith the Cardinals have picked out a real ball player.

McGraw has three wicked right field batters in Doyle, Kauff and Robertson.

No ballplayer ever improved his daily average by batting around at night.

Oh, yes, the quick Witt of Connie Mack often helps him out in tight places.

George Stallings has no doubt that Elmer Knetser will make good under Herzog.

Ball players who try to bait Hank O'Day these days are certain to get the hook.

An echo from the past. Marty O'Toole, of \$12,500 fame, was sold to Omaha, Neb.

In one respect pennants and the Red Sox are alike. It takes an operation to cure them.

Inside baseball is a great thing providing the other fellows don't take the inside outside.

Dave Altizer is going back. Yes, running back, and robbing speed boys on impossible plays.

Klepper, one-time Yankee pitcher, is one of the main props of the rehabilitated Cleveland club.

The baseball shark who picked the Giants to finish one-two neglected to specify in which season.

It appears that Tyrus Cobb has a brother who resembles him in some respects, but not as a baseball player.

If Pongo Cantillon wins five American association flags in a row maybe he will get credit for having a ball club.

We hate to think what would happen to National league batsmen if Alexander's "dead arm" ever came to life again.

Shorten, the Red Sox's new outfielder, has cut some nifty capers since opening day. He is especially long on hitting.

Miller Huggins, manager of the Cardinals, expects Lee Meadows to pitch more games than any other Card pitcher this year.

A leaky bucket, a punctured tire, and a pitcher without support are about the same in that they get about the same results.

Hugh Jennings still has faith in "Bill" James and believes the big pitcher will come through and prove a big help to the Tigers.

Wilbert Robinson hasn't played actively for more'n a decade, but he's the greatest ground coverer in the National league—when he sits down.

Cleveland is baseball mad. The fans of that city are certainly entitled to do some celebrating, for they have waited long enough for the opportunity.

Connie Mack says that the Athletics did not get good weather on the training trip and that his young pitchers could not get the right kind of a start.

MANAGER PICKS UP PLAYERS

Pat Moran Will Not Pay Fancy Prices for Ball Tossers—Holds on to Expensive Stars.

Since Pat Moran has been in charge of the Phillies he has purchased only three players—Pitchers McQuillen and Karl Adams and Outfielder Good—and for each of these he paid the waiver price. He did not draft a man last fall, and he obtained the right to sign Outfielder Cooper for nothing. Moran picked up Chief Bender and George Chalmers when they were free agents. He traded Doolin to Cincinnati for Niehoff and let Lobert go to the



Manager Pat Moran.

Giants in exchange for Stock, Demaree and Jack Adams, catcher. He obtained Whitford from the Braves, together with infielder Duguey, in a trade for Sherwood Magee. In other words, the building up of the champions has involved an outlay of not more than \$5,000 for players' releases.

Moran does not believe in deals for expensive stars, and as a result the Philadelphia club is a money-maker for the first time in a great many years.

GREAT TEAM OF "CAST OFFS"

Manager Lee Fohl Claims Strongest Collection of Discards Ever Put Together.

Lee Fohl of Cleveland says he has the greatest team of discards ever put together, not excepting the Boston Braves of 1914.

With a few exceptions every man on the Indian team has at one time or another worn the uniform of another major league team and been released for one reason or another, though it is hardly proper to call players like Speaker, Roth, Daly and Gandil "discards."

PALMERO IS QUITE ACCURATE

Cuban Twirler Never Forgets What to Do With Ball When He Gets It—Resembles Wilts.

Emilio Palmero, the Cuban twirler of the Giants, whose splendid hurling against the Phillies in the first game of the recent series may win him a place on the regular pitching staff of the club, reminds one for all the world of George Wilts in the field.

He is accuracy itself in handling the ball, and he never forgets what to do with the leather when he gets it. A bunt to him must be perfectly placed to advance a runner.

WHY YOUNGSTERS FAIL

Nervousness Sends Many Back to Minor Leagues.

Young Players Unable to Get Mind Off Huge Stands and Immense Crowds—Do Not Concentrate Their Minds on Game.

The greatest enemy of the young ball player is nervousness, according to St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Many a youngster of promise coming up from the minors ruins his chances by "aeroplaneing" when he finds himself lined up against players of experience and reputation.

He is likely to play far below his normal speed, and the impression produced on his manager is faulty. He may not have a chance to become fully accustomed to his surroundings or to get over his nervousness before he is railroaded back to the bushes.

The best way for a player to succeed is to try to forget that he is up in the big show and put his whole mind on the ball game. If he can fall to see the huge stands and the big crowd and just remember that he is playing a game of ball and trying to do his part toward winning it he will surely succeed if he has the ability. The player who is doing everything in his power to win the ball game is the lad who catches the eye of the fussy manager.

One serious fault with many young players is that they think too much of their base hits. This is a natural fault, for every player, old or young, likes to wallop the ball to some far territory; but the real manager is looking beyond that. He sees the fellow who can hit with no one on and two out and does not care for his style. On the other hand, the man who has the nerve to come up with the smash in the pinch is the man who is retained, even if his batting average is many points below that of the other fellow.

TOLEDO FANS FICKLE CONCERNING NICKNAME

"Iron Men" is the latest nickname for the Toledo baseball club. Two Toledo sport writers are using the name exclusively in referring to the club. Whether it will become popular is problematical.

Rajahs and Brenna Hens were two names that for a short time seemed to strike the popular fancy, but fadism decreed that neither was suitable and returned to the old name of Mud Hens. Whether the new name will prove popular is hard to predict. One paragraph intimates that it would be a shame to let them drop behind and rust during the coming season.

FEET TROUBLED ART FROMME

When Former Giant Pitcher Began to Slip McGraw Recommended to Sling on His Neck.

When Art Fromme was sent to the Giants by Cincinnati he had some sort of trouble with his feet. They became yellow and calloused, and every day, before going out on the diamond, Fromme would liberally paint his pedals with iodine. McGraw was after the lead of the league. He was up against it for pitchers, and as Fromme looked good in warming up, he asked Art what he thought of working that game.

"Me? Why, say, I'll hold these guys to two hits today," replied Fromme.



Art Fromme.

The Giants were opposing the Pirates. Fromme went well for two innings and then began to slip. He issued two walks and struck a fellow, filling the bases. Then Wagner stepped to the plate and hit the first ball for a two-sacker. McGraw rushed frantically to the side lines and motioned Art to leave. As Fromme reached the bench McGraw turned sarcastically to him and remarked:

"So you paint your feet to keep them from getting yellow, do you? Say, go in the clubhouse and paint a ring of iodine around your neck."

PITCHERS ANNEX THIRTY GAMES A YEAR



Some Pitching Stars.

Manager Bill Donovan of the New York Americans declares that Ray Caldwell will win 30 games this season. While one must admit that Caldwell is a grand pitcher and Donovan is an excellent judge of pitching ability, we wonder if the New York manager realizes the task he is imposing upon Caldwell. Does Donovan know that there are but six pitchers in the game at the present time who have been able to turn in 30 victories in a season, and that four of them are lucky to pitch in that number of games in a year now, much less turn in victories in 30 or more contests? Alexander the Great and Walter Johnson are the only hurlers in baseball today who are likely to reach that figure again. This wonderful pair of hurlers have only been able to reach the 30 mark once and both needed quite a lot of help from their teammates. The veteran Mathewson leads the modern pitchers in this respect, having won more than 30 games in four seasons. The other hurlers now

in the game, though not twirling often, are Jack Coombs, who won 31 games in 1910; Joe Wood captured 34 in 1912, and Ed Walsh, who reached the wonderful mark of 40 victories in 1908. It is out of the question to think that Matty, Wood, Coombs or Walsh will ever perform the feat again, and unless Washington can score more runs for Johnson, the Idaho wonder probably will never reach the 30 mark again.

Only two pitchers have been able to keep the opposing team below an average of 2.50 earned runs per game in getting their 30 victories, which shows how much help a pitcher needs from his teammates. Johnson and Alexander were the two hurlers who went below this mark, each cutting the average below two earned runs per game. With the Yankees struggling along in the second division Caldwell has three times gone through the season allowing less than two earned runs per game, but has never been able to turn in 25 victories.

BILL DONOVAN'S WILD START

Manager of New York Yankees Had Hard Time in Finding Control in His Early Days.

Some of these young pitchers who are having a tough time finding control enough to help them into the big league will do well to recall the early days of Bill Donovan. In his later years, "Wild Bill" became one of the most dependable twirlers in the history of baseball, but when he broke in, he was truly horrible. That's why

ribs, and lost by an overwhelming score. A week later he was started against the famous Baltimore Orioles. They made nine hits, drew seven passes and benefited by three wild pitches. All this was in 1898, and Donovan won but one game that year. Bill captured but one victory the next year, when he pitched for Brooklyn, and in 1900 he was at Hartford for seasoning. In 1901 he came to earth and then soared as a star, winning 25 of 40 games.

DIAMOND NOTES

Hal Chase is the baseball hero of Cincinnati.

Jimmy Callahan says he is satisfied with the Pirates.

Fielder Jones is having a hard time as a "miracle man."

Cal Brown, former Mack and Yank, is with the Memphis nine.

The Cleveland club has asked for waivers on Zip Hagerman.

The Cincinnati Reds appear to be weak against left-hand pitching.

Our country may need its young men, but baseball first yelled for help.

The Washington baseball club used to be a joke—but that was many years ago.

Jack Knight is sure a shining light around that initial sack. What's in a name, anyway?

Don't indulge in snap judgment. Oftentimes the rookie who needs a haircut is a diamond in the rough.

Other clubs carry jokesmiths, but Pat Moran of the Phillies takes the game seriously, so Josh Devore had to go.

Hal Chase is playing better ball this year than since he first joined the Yankees. He is leading in stolen bases and tops the league in hitting.

The ball players who are busy writing testimonials for soft drinks may be kidding the public, but they are not slipping anything over on their managers.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Gallery of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Carlton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute. Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street. Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court. Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave.

Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard. Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5653 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel. Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st.

Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 22 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, Lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 28 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1256 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

John D. Gallivan, the veteran letter carrier, is one of the most popular men in the service of Uncle Sam.

Henry J. Kolse made a splendid County Commissioner. He would make a good city treasurer.

Joseph E. Flanagan is a Democratic leader of force and character.

Judge Kichham Scanlan fulfills the expectations of his friends. His record on the bench is a good one.

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright career.

Simon O'Donnell is an honest, earnest and respected leader in the world of labor.

Patrick J. Carr is making a good record as trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Frank H. Jones is not only a democrat of national reputation, but a financier who is respected by everybody.

Joseph F. Haas, the popular former County Clerk, is one of the most valuable and clear sighted of Republican leaders.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1246 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattue is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Trustee James M. Dalley of the Sanitary District always looks after the interests of the people.

Thomas J. Webb is respected in business and public life. He is an ideal member of the Board of Review.

The Little Giant motor truck is the best on the market.

The Michels Club which meets at Ohio and Clark streets in Sauerman's splendid rooms is growing in membership and power every day.